

## Media Release

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## Red Cross Oration – A hundred years of helping

University of Tasmania alumnus and Adjunct staff member Professor Tim McCormack will celebrate the hundred year history of the Red Cross this week at the 2014 Red Cross Oration series in Burnie, Launceston and Hobart.

Professor McCormack is a Professor of Law at the Melbourne Law School. He is also Special Adviser on International Humanitarian Law to the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

He will present *A Century of War and Peace: Australian Red Cross and the Development of International Humanitarian Law*.

The Australian Red Cross was established 100 years ago in the frenzied days following the outbreak of World War I.

As young Australian men rushed to enlist in their tens of thousands, Lady Munro-Ferguson, wife of the then Governor-General, issued a call for volunteers to join forces to nourish the troops, train in first aid and provide medical supplies.

In the hundred years since then, the Red Cross has branched out into a range of important peace-time humanitarian initiatives, but continues to have a unique focus on the legal regulation of the conduct of war to this day.

Australian Red Cross is a recognised leader among national Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in the promotion of understanding of, and respect for, International Humanitarian Law.

Professor McCormack will discuss how that leadership role developed within the Global Red Cross Movement.

#### **Event details:**

##### **Burnie event**

**When:** Tuesday, 12 August 2014 from 5.30pm to 7:30pm (AEST)

**Where:** Braddon Hall, Burnie Arts and Function Centre, Wilmot Street

**Launceston event**

**When:** Wednesday, 13 August 2014 from 5.30pm to 7:30pm (AEST)

**Where:** Rory Spence Lecture Theatre, University of Tasmania, Inveresk campus  
Launceston

**Hobart event**

**When:** Thursday, 14 August 2014 from 6pm to 7:30pm (AEST)

**Where:** Stanley Burbury Theatre, University Centre, Churchill Avenue, Sandy Bay

For bookings:

<http://www.events.utas.edu.au/>

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